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SUBJ: BALKAN CONFERENCE

1. MFA BALKAN AFFAIRS CHIEF GEZER TOLD EMBOFF
JANUARY 26 THAT TURKISH BALKAN CONFERENCE DELEGATION
HEADED BY MFA ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIRGEN OGUZ GOKMEN (AND
INCLUDING DIRECTORS GENERAL FROM FOUR OTHER GOVERNMENT
MINISTRIES) HAD AUTHORITY TO SIGN A FINAL DOCUMENT SHOULD
ONE EMERGE AT THE CONFERENCE. GEZER SAID THAT THE MFA
HAD WANTED TO KEEP ITS DELEGATION AT A "TECHNICIANS" LEVEL
IN ORDER NOT TO OVEREMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE.

2. GEZER CITED A SECOND REASON FOR NOT RESPONDING
FAVORABLY TO THE GREEK REQUEST THAT THE GROUP BE HEADED
BY A DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING: A CABINET DECREE
NAMING AN INDIVIDUAL AND PROVIDING HIM NEGOTIATING
AUTHORITY WOULD HAVE BEEN NECESSARY. POLITICAL DISAGREEMENTS
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WITHIN THE FOUR-PARTY GOVERNING COALITION WOULD PROBABLY

HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN SUCH A DECREE.

3. HE STATED THAT THE MFA HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO INCLUDE AN "OBSERVER" FROM THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT BUT HAD DECIDED IT WAS NOT NECESSARY SINCE NOT ALL DELEGATIONS INCLUDED POLITICAL OFFICERS.

4. GEZER SPECULATED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A FOLLOW-UP TO THE ATHENS MEETING WOULD BE LARGELY DETERMINED BY THE ATTITUDE OF THE BULGARIANS. HE SAID THE GOT DID NOT FAVOR ANY PERMANENT COMMISSIONS BUT COULD SUPPORT FURTHER MEETINGS OF EXPERTS IN A FEW DESIGNATED SUBJECT AREAS, SUCH AS ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION. THE BULGARIANS, ON THE OTHER HAND, HE THOUGHT WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO FURTHER COMMITMENTS WITHOUT SOVIET APPROVAL.
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